



A LOOK JUST AHEAD.

OLIVE HARPER ALREADY DISCUSSES NEXT SEASONS FABRICS.

The Two Ideas That Possess the Feminine Mind—New Summer Goods—Exceptionally Handsome Ball Gowns—The Latest Novelties For Walking Gowns.

(Special Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Just now two ideas possess the feminine mind, and they are ball dresses and the new wash fabrics for next summer. Supposers would wonder why in the very coldest time of the year women would or could care to contemplate these diaphanous fabrics, but "women like rum writers" anyhow, and, besides, what is better calculated to make them feel duly humble and miserable than to have a dressmaker in the house and have to keep her, or at least to be at her beck and call during

SUCCESSFUL IN POLITICS.

Mrs. Day Has Twice Been Elected State Librarian of Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary Brown Day is a plucky little woman who not only believes that there is room for women in politics, but who has demonstrated that there is also room for woman in the offices placed at the disposal of visitors in political battles. She has just been for the second time elected state librarian of Kentucky by the legislature. Mrs. Day is a slight, delicate appearing woman, but has shown great energy and shrewdness in pushing her canvass for the position and has twice been victorious in the face of well organized opposition. She is a descendant of the Russells, one of the pioneer families of the state, and her father, Captain John W. Russell, held positions of trust under President William Henry Harrison. Mrs. Day was educated at Franklin and New York, and some 14 years ago became the wife of W. E. Day, a Chicago newspaperman. Her husband died a year later, and she was compelled to support herself. She returned to the old Russell farm near Frankfort, which her ancestors possessed nearly a century ago, and soon became a very successful farmer. The rewards of farming were barely sufficient for her needs, however, and she turned her attention to political fields.

As she had an army of relatives who possessed influence and another army of friends throughout the state, she thought the office of state librarian was about what she wanted and announced herself a candidate in 1888. Shyness at home prevented her from actively looking after her canvass, and she was beaten. In 1890 she prepared more thoroughly for the struggle in the legislature, and success crowned her efforts. At the recent election she was again a candidate, and although four other ladies with very strong backing were in the race against her she succeeded in carrying the day after six existing offices had been taken. She attends thoroughly to business, never forgets to draw her salary and is in many other respects a model state librarian.

TOO POSITIVE.

She Thought the Bag Was Hers Until She Looked Inside.

The other day an omnibus full of passengers drove up to its suburban terminus. Side by side sat a commercial traveler and a lady temperance lecturer. The traveler seized his bag and made a move to get out. The lady made a snatch after him, and he halted.

"I beg your pardon," she said, "but you have my bag."

"You are certainly mistaken madam," the traveler said courteously, but firmly. "This bag is mine."

"No, sir," the lady replied firmly; "it is mine. I should know it among a thousand. You must not take it."

But the traveler persisted, and the lady insisted, and they came very near quarreling.

Presently one of the passengers pointed to a twin in the omnibus and said:

"Who is that?"

"It isn't mine," said the traveler. "It is just like it, but this is mine."

"And it isn't mine," said the lady. "He has mine, and I want it, and I'll have it. It's a pity if a lady can't travel alone in this country without being robbed of her property in broad daylight."

Finally the traveler said he would open the bag to prove his property.

The lady objected at first, saying she did not want her bag opened in the presence of a crowd of strangers.

But as there were no other means of settling the dispute she at length consented.

The traveler took out a key, opened the bag, and the curious crowd bent forward to see.

On the top of everything lay a big, fat black half full of whisky, a pack of cards, a meerschaum, a quarter of a pound of tobacco and a snuffbox.

The traveler was the first to recover his self-possession and speech.

"Madam," he said, "you are right. The bag is yours. I owe you a thousand apolo—"

But the lady had fainted, and the traveler relocked his bag, with a quiet smile.

Early in the afternoon a sign painter received a note in a feminine hand asking him to come to a certain house to mark a black leather bag in white letters a foot and a half long.—London Telegraph.

South Africa Governesses.

A governess, writing from South Africa, says: "The life of a governess on a farm is truly terrible for English girls—indeed few can stand it. Often the people, except the children, can only speak Dutch, and for weeks together you will see no one else. Your bedroom will have a mud floor, bats are an unknown luxury, while there will be absolutely no sanitary arrangements."

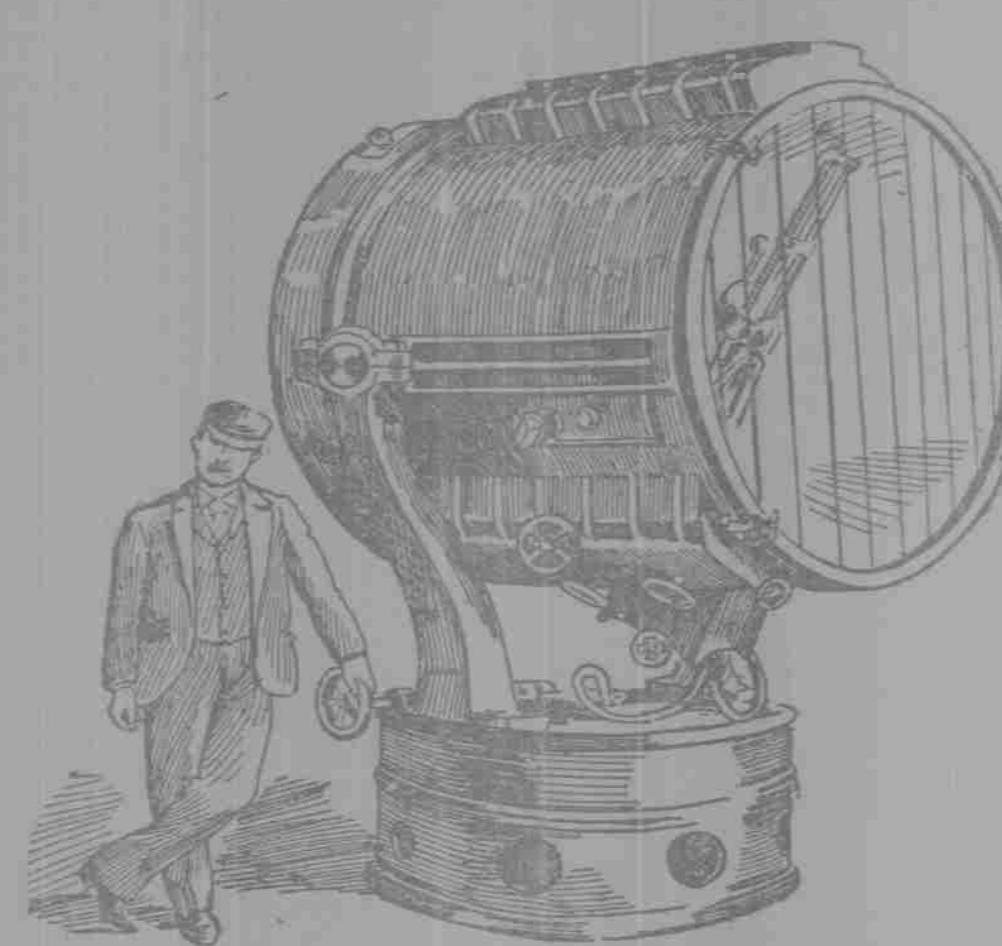
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owing to the richness of the material there was no foot trimming. The neck was cut half low and had a border of point lace reaching all around in the back, but falling to gather points in front nearly to the knee, where it ended under windmill bows and flaps of violet ribbon.

The other dress was of sky blue satin de sole, open down the front over a trimming of white lace undecorated with narrow black lace. All around the lotus hem were set fine bows, and the corsage-like sleeves were elaborately draped with lace.

I have just room to mention two handsome walking gowns for early spring—one of vine green over red velvet and trimmed with the red, and a bright cloth with zig-zag ruffles of colored brown silk and waist trimming of the same—both elegant and tasteful.

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AT FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.
The Most Powerful Illuminator in the World. Reflection Seen 100 Miles at Sea.

NEW SPRING GOWNS.

ing those 40 days. Thin, washable dresses are always made at home. Any dressmaker of standing would feel insulted through and through if asked to make up such cheap fabrics, and for that or some other unwritten reason, law and all these pretty frocks are made at home.

Pretty indeed the new summer goods are. The daintiest of them are the lawns, with small all over patterns, mostly of some power shade similar to old associations. The grounds of these lawns are white or some exceedingly delicate tint besprinkled with vines, arbutus, forget-me-nots, cowslips and minute periwinkles and tiny rosebuds. Nothing could exceed these in delicacy, and they have such a fresh, crisp look that it is a delight to see and feel them.

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